



Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission

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RE: Shell Offshore Inc. OCS Air Permit – Kulluk Drilling Operations
EPA Permit No: R10OCS-AK-07-01 (Revised)

Dear Mr. Mahar:

The Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission fully endorses the comments submitted to your office by the North Slope Borough on April 1, 2008, concerning the above permit.

On behalf of the subsistence whaling captains of the North Slope, I strongly encourage you to give deference to the concerns and recommendations set forth in those comments. We are aware of the enthusiasm shared by Shell, other members of the oil and gas industry, and our federal and state governments for developing the hydrocarbon resources of the Arctic Ocean. We ask, however, that all involved in these undertakings, and especially our federal government, keep in mind the potential health impacts of these industrial activities on the citizens of the North Slope, and ensure that development plans contain all possible safeguards.

The oil and gas reserves of the Arctic Ocean are going to be important to our nation for generations to come. We look to our federal agencies to safeguard the health of our people as our nation enjoys the benefits of these resources taken from the waters and adjoining lands that have sustained our people for millenia.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss these issues in more detail, please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harry Brower". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, stylized "H" and "B".

Harry Brower
Chairman

cc: AEWG Commissioners
Mayor Edward Itta
Senator Ted Stevens
Senator Lisa Murkowski
Congressman Don Young
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